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[Translation]

Repair of N.H. 31

2445. SHRI SATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a part of the road of the National Highway No. 31 between Lakhminia railway station and Sahebpur Kamal railway station had sunk, due to which frequent accidents are taking place and the Director General of the Ministry had himself visited the site; and

(b) if so, the time by which the said part of the National Highway is proposed to be repaired and constructed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b). An estimate amounting to Rs. 19.66 lakhs, for special repairs for damages caused to the pavement in Km. 250 to Km. 253, on NH-31 between lakhminia and Sahebpur Kamal railway stations, has since been approved. The approved work has been planned on priority for completion during the current year. In the meantime, the road is being maintained in traffic worthy condition within available resources.

National Highways in Gujarat

2446. SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAI CHIKHALIA :
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any projects have been submitted by the Gujarat Government for the development and

maintenance of National Highways in the State during the last three years and till November, 1996.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard and the funds allotted for the same, if any?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c). Out of 186 proposals received from the State Government of Gujarat during the last three years, 90 road/bridge projects costing about Rs. 9962.08 lakhs have been sanctioned. The remaining works could not be sanctioned mainly due to financial stringency under the Central Sector Roads programme. The funds allocated for the development and maintenance/repairs of National Highways is as under :

Year	Development of N.Hs	Maintenance/ Repairs
		Rs. in lakhs
1994-95	7098.00	1316.64
1995-96	5458.00	1745.20
1996-97 (upto November, 1996)	3605.51	1611.50

[English]

Treatment of Cancer Patients

2447. DR. KRUPA SINDHU BHOI :
SHRI N. DENNIS :
SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to expand treatment facilities for the cancer patients;

(b) if so, the number of hospitals proposed to be established specifically for the treatment of cancer patients during the remaining period of Eighth Plan and during Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether such hospitals are proposed to be opened in the different regions of the country where such hospitals have not been set up so far;

(d) if so, the details of the proposals mooted by the Government in this regard;

(e) the encouragement extended to the private institutions for the treatment of cancer; and

(f) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). Under the National Cancer Control Programme, various schemes already exist for health education, early detection, pain relief and augmentation of treatment facilities for cancer patients